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AMEMBASSY MONROVIA NIACT IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: CODEL: TRAVEL CONGRESSMAN CHARLES C. DIGGS
(D. MICH.)

1. CONG. DIGGS NOW CHAIRMAN HOUSE SUB-COMMITTEE ON
RESOURCES, FOOD, AND ENERGY, IS PLANNING TRIP TO LIBERIA
AND IVORY COAST, MAIN PURPOSE TO ADDRESS INTERNATIONAL
ASSOCIATION OF SEED CRUSHERS' CONGRESS IN ABIDJAN. (FYI
ONLY, HE WILL ADDRESS CONGRESS VICE SEN. EDWARD BROOKE.
END FYI)

2. CONG. DIGGS, ACCOMPANIED BY 11 YEAR OLD SON DOUGLASS,
LEAVES NEW YORK, JFK, PAA 182 ARRIVING MONROVIA 9 A.M.
MARCH 3. HE PLANS DEPART MONROVIA ON AIR MALI SAME DAY
AT 7:25 P.M. FOR ABIDJAN. CONG. WILL REMAIN ABIDJAN UNTIL
MARCH 5, WHEN HE DEPARTS ON PAA 187 ,LEAVING AT 10 P.M.

3. FOR MONROVIA: CONG. WISHES VISIT WITH PRES.TOLBERT,
OR IF HE NOT AVAILABLE FM DENNIS. CONG. HAS DISCUSSED
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VISIT WITH AMB. PEAL WHO HAS ALREADY WIRED MONROVIA.

CONG. WANT SERVICES USIS PHOTOGRAPHER AND WOULD BE WILLING
GIVE PRESS CONFERENCE IF AMBASSADOR AGREES IT WOULD BE
USEFUL. CONG. DESIRES EMBASSY BRIEFING ON POLITICAL AND
ECONOMIC SITUATIONS, PLACE SUITABLE FOR MEETINGS AND/OR

RELAXATION SUCH AS DUCOR INTERNATIONAL, AND IF POSSIBLE
SEPARATE PROGRAM FOR SON. IF EARLIER SCHEDULED FLIGHT
MONROVIA-ABIDJAN CAN BE ARRANGED FOR LATE AFTERNOON,
CONG, WOULD PREFER FLIGHT AT 4-5P.M. CONG. AND SON WOULD
LIKE TO VISIT RUBBER PLANTATION ON WAY EITHER TO OR
FROM AIRPORT.

4. FOR ABIDJAN: CONG. ANXIOUS TO CALL ON PRES. HOUPHOUET-
BOIGNY. HE REQUESTS MEETING WITH AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK.
CONG. ASKS THAT EMBASSY CONTACT AMCIT GERALD THIUS,
MOTOWN REPRESENTATIVE IN WEST AFRICA, TO ARRANGE MEETING
PERHAPS AT CONGRESSMAN'S HOTEL. USIS PHOTOGRAPHER
REQUESTED; CONG. WOULD GIVE PRESS CONFERENCE IF CHARGE
FEELS DESIRABLE. CONG. DESIRES EMB. BRIEFING AND SOME-
WHAT SEPARATE PROGRAM FOR SON. EMB. REQUESTED TO RECON-
FIRM SUITE (WITH SEPARATE BEDROOM AND LIVING ROOM)
RESERVED FOR NIGHTS MARCH 3 AND 4 AT IVOIRE. CONG. WILL
ADDRESS CONVENTION DURING MORNING MARCH 5.

5. EMBASSIES REQUESTED TO MEET AND EXTEND ALL APPRO-
PRIATE ASSISTANCE. KISSINGER

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